



## CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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### **Matthew Hamner Selected to Become Next Police Chief**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, April 12, 2013 – City Manager Doug Schulze has hired Matthew Hamner for the position of Police Chief, after a lengthy and rigorous selection process.

Last week, five candidates interviewed to become the next Bainbridge Island Police Chief. The finalists were selected from an applicant pool of 57 after a comprehensive process of written responses to 22 questions, recorded online interviews, psychological profile assessments and intensive background checks. The interview process was just as intense as the screening process. Each candidate appeared before four different panels and a one-on-one interview with Schulze.

The result was a general consensus that all of the candidates had the experience and background to carry out the duties of the Police Chief. Input from panelists and community members provided valuable information, which was taken into consideration by Schulze. “The input did not result in identification of one top candidate, which made the decision extremely difficult,” Schulze stated.

Mr. Hamner, of Indianapolis, Indiana, currently serves as Chief’s Executive Officer at the rank of Major with the Indianapolis Police Department, where he has been employed since 1990. During Mr. Hamner’s 23-year career, he has served in numerous positions throughout the Indianapolis Police Department, including in the Neighborhood Resources Unit, Crime Prevention, School Resource Officer Unit, and Community Affairs.

Mr. Hamner has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University and will complete a Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Public Safety from Indiana University in May 2013. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy (June 2011).

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